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In re Application of

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A buoyancy device and a method for stabilizing and controlling the lowering or raising of a structure between the surface and the sea floor

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

SIR:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated February 23, 2010 of the Primary Examiner twice or finally rejecting claims 39-48 and 75-78.

The items checked below are appropriate:

- 1. [x]The time for response to the Office Action of February 23, 2010 expires on May 23, 2010.
- 2. A _-month extension of time for response to the Office Action dated _ was filed on . [No additional extensions of time are required.]
- 3a. П Applicant(s) hereby request(s) a one two three-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of . Payment in the amount of _ for the government fee for an extension of time is enclosed herewith.

- 3b. П This is not the first request for an extension of time relative to the outstanding paper. The period for response has already been extended by -month(s) by petition dated. Please extend the time for response by an additional -month(s). With this extension, the deadline for filing the required paper will be . Payment for the additional extension fee of \$ is enclosed. 4. Payment of the appeal fee of \$540.00 and any other fee applicable [x]is enclosed herewith. No additional fee is required (fee paid in prior appeal). Charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 03-2412. [x]
- 5. [x] Charge any additional fees required, for example, for lodging this appeal or for filing the Appeal Brief, not otherwise paid, to Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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